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'Hundreds in city swindled by firm that lured victims through scam involving digitisation of old English novels'

LURE OF THE ENGLISH NOVEL

Victims, 32 and counting, lost more than Rs 3.50 lakh each

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Adding to the endless list of scams in Bengaluru, the latest is the swindling of lakhs of rupees from 32 individuals and counting in the name of outsourcing the digitising of old and famous English novels.

All victims lost more than Rs 3.50 lakh each to a company with which they agreed to work with for the 'digitisation of old English novels'.

It is believed, hundreds of people have fallen prey to this scam already — it will take time for all of them to lodge individual complaints at the police station, we are told.

"I do not know what to do now. I came to know about this company – Truvisory Kode Core Pvt Ltd – through one Mr Ravi. I lost my job due to the covid pandemic and was searching for employment. I got Rs 3.50 lakh as compensation from the company where I was working before the lockdown. I deposited Rs 3.50 lakh with Truvisory Kode Core Pvt Ltd on March 19, 2022 and did not receive a single rupee from this company that claimed to scan and

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3 THINGS TO DO

01 Ireland calling: Students listen up!

The Irish government's national brand promoting Irish Higher Education Institutions announces its Education Roadshow in November; that will be spanning five cities in India, including Bangalore. The fair will offer an overview of the opportunities Ireland has to offer to Indian students looking forward to studying abroad for the academic year 2023-2024.
Where: Taj Vivanta, MG Road; When: 27 November, 2022; Info: https://bit.ly/PREINOV

02 Green on screen

Blr Creative Circus presents "All Living Things" - Environmental Film Festival this Sunday. It's a curated set of compelling films that showcase the beauty of our planet, create awareness on critical issues and inspire audiences to envision alternative futures. Also get to interact with some amazing directors on a Q&A session with Rajani Mani, Vivek Sangwan and Nirupa Roy.
Where: Bangalore Creative Circus, 12/2, Yeshwantpur Industrial Suburb
When: 20 Nov, 11AM- 8PM;
Tickets: shorturl.at/cemvF

03 Life on canvas

Time and Space Gallery presents "It's a Way of Life" by Afza Tamkanat & Fawad Tamkanat. The exhibition includes the well-known works of theirs like the Window and Sparrow Series by Afza Tamkanat- early morning morsels of scenes capturing birds chirping by a window and The Cityscapes Series by Fawad Tamkanat- a surreal encapsulation of the colourful chaos that whelms the city of Hyderabad.
Where: Time and Space Gallery Gallery, Lavelle Road; When: 18 Nov - 10 Dec, 11 AM- 6: 30 PM

First time in their lives: A double treat for kids

Some taken to watch Appu's latest release at theatre; others get to participate in a quiz

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For 400 children from NGO-run schools and orphanages, this children's day eve was a pleasant outing. Taken to watch late actor Puneeth Rajkumar's recently released movie, Gandhada Gudi at Shri Renuka Prasanna theatre by the volunteers of Rotaract District Organisation 3190, they got an added surprise when director of the movie, Amoghavarsha, dropped in.

"There is nothing more heartwarming than seeing kids watching animals on the big screen for the first time and whistling and clapping. The joy I witnessed in them has been the most overwhelming," said Amoghavarsha.

He said response to the movie has been phenomenal. "From kids to old people, the film has been watched by all age groups. Many people told me about how proud they feel about their state and country after watching the film. People felt like they were on a journey with Appu and me and that's the best compliment that a filmmaker can get for a film like this," he said.

Volunteers from the Rotaract District 3190 Organisation had organised the event for children from NGO run schools and orphanages like GHPS Nagarbhavi School, Farooqiya Girl's High School, Nammoora Sarkari Madhari Prathamika shale, Sumangali Sevashram, Swalamban Angavikalara Seva Charitable Trust (R) and Anatha Shishu Sevashram.

The children were taken to watch the movie on a single screen at a cost of Rs 25,500. They were also given snacks during the movie.

Tarun U from Rotaract District Organisation 3190 said, "Watching movies is the best way to let children know about the state and make them learn about it at an early age. The whole experience of having so many children watch the movie and watching them cheer and be happy about it was a treat to watch for all of us."

Amoghavarsha also turned up to meet the kids at Gandhada Gudi screening at Shri Renuka Prasanna theatre

"It was my first time in the theatre and I was very excited about watching a movie. The movie was a treat to watch and we had a great time
– A student

For many of the kids, it was their first time at a movie hall. "It was my first time in the theatre and I was very excited about watching a movie. The movie was a treat to watch and we got along with other school kids and had a great time with them. After the movie finished, we saw Amogha Varsha and we were all so happy to see him," said a student.

Quiz time for govt school kids

Twelve government schools in and around Whitefield celebrated Children's Day and Karnataka Rajyotsava on Saturday by participating in a quiz competition based on the culture and heritage of Karnataka, conducted by the volunteers of Inner Wheel Club of Bangalore IT Corridor (IWCBITC) and Rotary Club of Bangalore IT Corridor (RBITC). The content for the quiz was prepared by Satyapoorna, a teacher. Head Masters of the schools adopted by IWCBITC and RBITC were thrilled with the idea of giving their students an opportunity to participate in a quiz. The quiz was conducted at the Ramagondanahalli Government School premises. Each team comprised four participants, two each of grade four and five.
IWCBITC ex- president Anu Nambiar and Secretary Shantha Divakaran were the Quiz Masters at the event. The proud winners were Government Lower Primary School, Ambedkar Nagar, while the Government Lower Primary School, Vijayanagara was declared the runners up. Trophies were given to the winners and participation certificates for all the kids. Rotarian Sumedha said that attempts should be made to organise similar events at the zonal level. IWCBITC president Shanti Subramanian said the club has made it a practice to celebrate occasions with government school children and this year's Children's Day was a union of 12 schools.

"It was like a celebration that overwhelmed all the headmasters and teachers. We look forward to carrying this on and having diversified competitions in various fields. The most beautiful thing in the world is the child's smile and the next best thing is knowing that you are the reason behind it," said Subramanian. Agrahara Government Lower Primary School Headmaster Muniraju said that two girls and two boys from their school participated in the quiz programme. "It was for the first time that our students participated in a quiz programme. These kinds of competitions help students to become confident and participate in more such programmes," said Muniraju.
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Delivery agent turns hero, chases down mobile thief

Siddapura police recently arrested a man for two cases of attempted murder and four cases of theft. The accused has been identified as Anthony D'silva or 'Tony'.

According to police, the arrest was made after Tony was chased by a Dunzo delivery person, Surya, when he was running after stealing a young woman's mobile phone.

"The accused stole a mobile phone in the 2nd block of Jayanagar Main Road. His relief of escaping from the scene was short-lived as Surya began chasing him. Surya was tracking Tony via the Find my device app and soon caught up with him and demanded that he return the phone, following which Tony stabbed Surya and threatened to kill him. The incident was caught on CCTV," informed police.

Thief stabs man who chased and caught up with him; police arrest the miscreant after two complaints

After this, the woman filed a complaint at the Siddapura police station about the phone theft, and Surya, after being treated for his injuries, filed a complaint about his assault at the Kalasipalya police station. Tony was subsequently arrested.

— Ahna Prakash

Beware of fake road accidents

Bengaluru is seeing cases of staged 'accidents' to extort money from unsuspecting citizens

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"It was not even my fault. I just stopped to ask for directions and a vehicle intentionally collided with my car – Naveen Kumar, victim

The city is seeing a rise in cases where people fake road accidents and extort money from the victim.

On Saturday, Siddapura Police arrested two people who pretended to be victims of a road accident and extorted Rs 15,000 for the actual victim.

The accused were on a bike and they hit the victim's car intentionally to extort money, said the police. The video of the incident was shared by DCP South P Krishnakant on his Twitter handle. Following that, many residents in the city claimed that the same thing has happened to them as well.

Naveen Kumar, one of the residents, claimed that in August a car had intentionally hit his vehicle and the driver demanded Rs 1,500 from him.

"It was not even my fault. I just stopped my car to ask for directions and a vehicle intentionally collided with my car. The driver threatened me and asked me to pay Rs 1,500. When I denied it at first, they started creating a scene on the road," said Naveen. It seems that this is not an isolated incident. People have reported that there are certain areas in the city like Old Madras Road, KR Puram, and Hoskote Road, where such incidents are very common.

"Two years ago, I encountered a gang that faked an accident and was asking me for money. There were around six or eight members. When I refused to pay anything and called the police, they fled the scene. Later, I shared the vehicle registration number of the offenders with the police. This is very rampant on service roads," said A B Gowda, another victim. In another such case, Philip Tiju, also a victim, had to pay Rs 10,000 to fraudsters in Koramangala. "The people threatened that if I do not pay the amount, they will break the windshield of my car. Ultimately, I had to give them the money," he said.

Krishnakant informed that most of these cases were reported in Basavanagudi and Siddapura. "They keep an eye on the vehicle they intend to target for several days and then make a move.

There have been cases where people observe the vehicle owner for two days and then start following it from their home," he said. He also said that the offenders usually prefer extorting money on a crowded busy road where the victim cannot find out if the accident actually happened or not.

"Another thing is that they usually target people who are well-to-do. The offenders are mostly young men between the ages of 18 and 22 years," he added.

Picture of the two arrested people shared by DCP South P Krishnakant on social media

Mother, son end lives over 'family feud'

A mother-son duo died by suicide after the son's wife allegedly disapproved of him bringing his parents home in Rajagopala Nagar.

The man has been identified as Srinivas. He was visiting his wife's house in Srigandha Nagar in Rajagopala Nagar with his parents. However, his wife allegedly disapproved of the husband's action of bringing his father and mother to her house.

"She has been supposedly quarrelling about this for three days. Grieved by this, Srinivas and his mother took the drastic step," said police.

This incident occurred on November 13. A case has been registered at Rajagopala Nagar police station.

— Ahna Prakash

CCB detains goon for heinous offences

The Central Crime Branch (CCB) detained a rowdy sheeter in Bengaluru on Sunday. Raman Gupta IPS, Joint CP Crime, informed that a notorious rowdy sheeter, Meraz Khan, has been detained by the Bengaluru branch of CCB.

He was involved in robbery, dacoity, murder, attempt to murder, multiple extortion cases, murder, kidnapping, and other heinous offences in 23 cases.

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Gym jam at this park

Six out of 12-odd pieces of gym equipment in Koramangala park damaged

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The open-air gym that the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) had set up in 2018 at a public park in Koramangala has fallen out of favour. Two years before the pandemic hit, the civic body had inaugurated the fitness area in the park located in Koramangala's 6th Block. In no time, the gym became a hit among the residents, especially the elderly.

However, after a few months into operation, the equipment installed started giving way.

"I have been using the facility since day one. While it worked wonderfully for a few months after it was built, issues began to crop up soon after. Parts of the equipment started catching rust and falling apart and some even went missing," said Janet Yegneswaran, a resident of the area.

With the civic body showing little interest in maintaining the facility, residents rue that most of the fitness tools at the park are of no use.

"I live in Ejipura and there are no parks in the area. Thus, I have been using this park and the open-air gym facility since it was inaugurated in 2018. The gym area has as many as 12 pieces of fitness equipment and around six of them are in bad shape, posing serious risks to users. The exercise bike is in such poor condition it creates unbearable screeching sounds and is scary to use," said another resident.

The gym facility, according to the locals, has been quite a draw for many senior citizens living in the area.

"I exercise every day around 9.30 am. Senior citizens do not have any close by places to exercise. BBMP needs to pay more attention to the maintenance of the equipment here," Yegneswaran told Bangalore Mirror.

This is the state of the Koramangala park's open-air gym equipment; they also reported missing equipment

With loose handles, chair seats in shambles, and a missing chain from the exercise bike, the facility appears to be in utter disarray. Locals say it started falling apart during the pandemic as no one attended to it.

"While it worked wonderfully for a few months after it was built, issues began to crop up soon after. Parts of the equipment began to catch rust

– Janet Yegneswaran, resident

While many gym-goers have tried to raise complaints regarding the issue, they say the officials concerned have remained unreachable.

"I used to go to the open-air gym regularly till it became frightening to use. I tried to contact the BBMP engineer in the area so the issue could be fixed, but could not reach him. For now, I have stopped using the gym and will be able to restart only when the damaged equipment is replaced," said Prem Kumar, also a resident.

Locals also demand that the park should remain accessible throughout the day. While BBMP chief commissioner Tushar Giri Nath had announced a few months ago that parks not associated with water bodies will stay open from 6 am to 8 pm for optimal utilisation of public space, residents say that is not the case.

"The park stays closed between 10 am and 4 pm. I have to rush through my morning routine to reach the park by 9.30 am and use the gym facility before they lock it up at 10 am. It will be good if it is open throughout the day," added Yegneswaran.

A senior BBMP official assured that the issue would be resolved soon.

Pothole-free city: 'For real?' ask citizens

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Officials from the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) said that they have been working day and night, and 92.5 per cent of the city's potholes have been fixed. The remaining potholes will reportedly be fixed in the coming days.

BS Prahlad, Chief Engineer, (Road and Infrastructure), BBMP, said, "The work of filling up potholes is going on. It rained today, which is why the work had to be stopped. Otherwise, we are going on in full swing. We have finished filling up almost 92.5 percent of the potholes in the city and there are approximately 2,000 potholes left. Therefore, it will not be much of an issue to complete the work. We are working day and night to finish the work. The roads which no longer have any potholes will be declared as pothole-free roads. We will also be transparent about the roads that still have potholes."

Residents of the city are not satisfied with the claims of the authorities. Some people pointed out an area in Dattatreya Temple Ward in Gandhinagar where potholes are present in front of the BBMP office. Sunil Patil, a resident staying nearby, said, "There are huge potholes right in front of the BBMP office here. These potholes have remained here for quite a long time. The officials should first start with fixing the roads that are present in front of their offices and then talk about filling up the potholes present in parts of the city."

A pothole-ridden road in the city; citizens say BBMP offices have craters outside too

92.5 per cent of Bengaluru's potholes have been fixed, according to BS Prahlad, BBMP Chief Engineer; citizens refuse to believe this claim

Residents staying in 8th mile, Dasarahalli, said, "There are so many potholes in this road that it becomes difficult to even walk. If one commutes by bike, then it becomes even more dangerous. I personally believe that there are more than 2,000 potholes in the city that still need to be fixed, otherwise accidents will keep on happening."

Cottonpet MR Lane locals said that they are tired of complaining about potholes to the BBMP authorities. No action has been taken yet. Govindh Jain, a resident of the area, said, "We have tried to complain to the BBMP about the pothole-ridden MR Lane in Cottonpet several times, but no action has been taken despite that. There is no place to walk, and the area becomes completely unmotorable with mud and dirty water all over. It is a risk to all the people living here."

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Improper planning
Bellandur

A culvert is being made at Ramdev medical store near Bellandur. Without completing that, BWSSB has started laying pipelines towards Sarjapur Road.

Broken slab
Nandidurga

A slab has broken in the middle of Nandidurga Road and has not been fixed for 45 days now.

Bad maintenance
Jayamahal Park

Jayamahal Park is not maintained well now There are barricades in front of the gazebo, damaged gym equipment, litter in the pond, and broken sculptures of animals.

KSRTC conductor turns detective to nab thieves

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There were thieves on the prowl in the Volvo Club Class service of the Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation (KSRTC) that is among the most premium bus services. After a few months of mysterious disappearance of jewellery and money from the buses, a smart conductor has put a brake on the thefts by nabbing the miscreants red-handed at Bengaluru.

A KSRTC official said that on July 10 this year, a club class bus travelling from Bengaluru to Mangaluru had to be stopped at Uppinangadi at 5 am when one of the passengers requested a stop. After a while, another passenger also got down. However, the bus staff were in a dilemma when both the passengers didn't return 15 minutes later. Though some passengers and the bus staffers went to look for the two people,they were nowhere to be seen.

Ashok Jadhav, the bus conductor, then asked the other passengers to check if their luggage was intact and the bus left for Mangaluru that day. "Around afternoon, a lady passenger called up the KSRTC bus staff to say that jewellery worth Rs 2.5 lakh kept in her bag was missing. The conductor asked the lady to lodge a police complaint. The conductor, who has a database of the passengers, tried to call up the phone numbers of both the passengers but the phones were switched off," said a KSRTC official.

They tracked the passenger details on the Avatar website, and were shocked to know that the two missing persons were regular travellers on the club class. "We also got to know that a few more passengers had also lost money during their travel earlier," said a KSRTC official. But they had no idea how they were pulling this off.

Till last Saturday. Conductor Ashok Jadhav found something fishy on that day.

The case unravels

"Around 9.45 pm, the Bengaluru-Mangaluru bus was parked at Kempegowda bus stand platform. As the passengers were yet to board, two passengers had hurriedly got in and were keeping an eye on the passengers getting into the bus and secretly checking the luggage. When the conductor tried to quiz them, he understood that these were the two who had gotten off the bus at Uppinangady in July. In a smart move, Jadhav just feigned ignorance, got down from the bus and complained to the higher ups. The Upparpet police were alerted and the cops came to the bus to catch the passengers red handed. Upon investigation, the cops found that these two were habitual offenders and were targeting bus passengers. Later, we got in touch with those passengers who had earlier lost money and jewels in the bus and they identified these two," added an official.

Big salute to 5 guardian angels

Police constables rescue kids, breastfeed abandoned little ones, conduct final rites, take big risks to go beyond call of duty

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Jeena Pinto, a police constable of Railway Protection Force, is more like a mother to the 30-35 children that were rescued at the Krantiveera Sangolli Rayanna Railway Station. Apart from doing her duty, Pinto dreams of a world where child trafficking is eliminated. For this selfless acts of going beyond the call of duty, Pinto and four others were felicitated on Saturday.

The gathering organised by the Karnataka State Retired Police Officers Welfare Association would remain etched as memorable event for the five constables felicitated.

Pinto is currently working at Konkan Railway Police Station, Udupi. She told BM about the children she has rescued. "Some children hugged me and told me about their families' pitiable situation. A few requested I buy chocolates for them. I consider rescuing children, apart from protecting railway property, as my duty. I want society to create an environment where children do not run away from their homes. The need of the hour is to create awareness on the ill-effects of child trafficking," said Pinto.

"I consider rescuing children, apart from protecting railway property, as my duty. I want society to create an environment where children do not run away from their homes. We need to create awareness on child-trafficking

For many kids rescued at Sangolli Rayanna Railway Station (top), Jeena Pinto is like a mother; five cops felicitated (above)

Having been trained in swimming during childhood became an advantage for Shivakumar Rathod, a police constable from Yelahanka Police Station. Rathod was part of the police team from Yelahanka Police Station that visited Dharmapuri in Tamil Nadu on April 9, 2017 to nab three dacoits hiding at a hotel. Azar, one of the three accused, escaped from the hotel and jumped into an open well at night.

"I did not hesitate when my superior police officer ordered me to enter the open well using a rope. I managed to bring the accused alive out of the well. I am happy to get felicitated by DGP sir and Police Commissioner sir," said Rathod.

He said that his wife was upset with him when she came to know about the incident. "She was angry with me for some time as she was worried about my safety but later she appreciated my act," he said.

Archana DS, a woman police constable presently posted at VVIP and Ex PM Security, said that she was happy to breastfeed an abandoned child rescued by her colleagues in Electronics City Police Station limits. "I did not think twice before deciding to breastfeed the child. I felt very sad when the child passed away after 10 days. I visited the hospital to see the mortal remains of the child," recalled Archana.

Sangeetha H is another woman police constable who saved an abandoned child by volunteering to breastfeed it. "I was at home when I received a phone call from my superior police officer advising me to go to the Government Hospital, Yelahanka, to breastfeed an abandoned infant admitted for medical treatment. Now, the child is at Shishu Vihara," said Sangeetha.

The service rendered to unclaimed bodies by Nagaraj M, a police constable working at Krantiveera Sangolli Rayanna Railway Police Station, is much laudable. Nagaraj was felicitated for conducting final rites to the mortal remains of Bantu Lal, a mentally-ill person from Jabalpur in Madhya Pradesh. He was found dead at the railway station. "I managed to contact Bantu Lal's family members but they expressed their inability to come to Bengaluru. They wanted me to conduct the final rites on their behalf. I wanted to conduct final rites to the body with flowers, incense sticks and camphor. But I could not find flower vendors due to the pandemic. Then I decided to pay my last respects by saluting the body like how I salute my senior officers on duty," said Nagaraj.

Karnataka Retired Police Officers Welfare Association president BK Shivaram said the five did a commendable job and their deeds of beyond the call of duty brought good name to the department. "I consider felicitating these constables as our responsibility," said Shivaram.

Green thumb of BU is a gift that keeps giving

The sprawling 1,112-acres Bengaluru University campus situated in the heart of the city serves as a lung space, oxygen bank, and groundwater reserve.

The campus also boasts of developing the first 'Bio, Geo and Hydro Park' in the country. The mission of one man, retired Professor T.J. Renuka Prasad, designated special officer by the Government of Karnataka for Bio Park has turned this bushy, empty landscape into a mini forest.

"Biodiversity is the only way of life and when it needs to be implemented, there will be challenges, especially in the urban areas. However, through ensuring of public, wildlife enthusiasts' participation, transformation is being brought," said Professor Renuka Prasad. The forest cover is being brought with continuous efforts of more than two decades.

After the development of thick vegetation, life is thriving in the campus. Volunteers Dr Girish, Guruprasad along with E bird watchers have prepared a list of 162 and odd varieties of birds. "Campus is an abode to lakhs of birds," Renuka Prasad explained.

Vivek Sarkar, an alumni presently working at WildLife Institute of India had recorded 150 and odd butterfly varieties. Bio Park includes flora and fauna in the form of butterflies, birds, peacocks, rabbits, snakes, mongoose," he said. The green cover in the campus also includes Miyawaki, Semi-Miyawaki forests for which plants and tree species have been brought from the Eastern Ghats regions such as Vijayawada, Vaizag, Rajahmundry.

It also has a fruit garden which has 168 varieties of 2,500 to 3,000 trees. Four Sahyadri Vana's which have rare plant and tree species Western Ghats and Malnad region of Karnataka. Aroma Plant Garden, Appemidi vana (endangered mango species) and Charaka Vana (medicinal plants) are also part of green cover.

The rare plants and varieties have crossed 1,000 mark and there are six to seven lakh trees and plants in the campus. Charakavana has 300 to 400 varieties of medicinal plants. Aroma Plan Garden has rare plants such as "Deva Kanigale" used in temples but not cultivated, "Vishnu Kranthi" and Charaka Vana has rare species "Purusha Ratna", which has high medicinal value. **IANS**

Glitch is gone: Pay power bills online

BESCOM officials say technical issues are now rectified and consumers can make payments on the portal without worry

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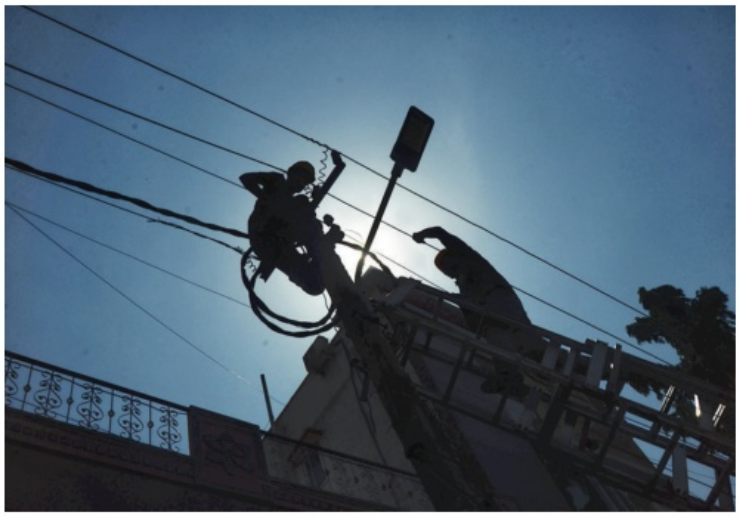

BESCOM has had it hands full after receiving a barrage of complaints about inflated bills earlier this month

The online payment portal of Bangalore Electricity Supply Company (BESCOM) is safe to be used again, BESCOM officials have notified.

Earlier this month, many consumers identified a glitch on the portal of BESCOM where their monthly electricity bill was shown as 100 percent more than the actual bill. As many complaints started flowing in the BESCOM office, the officials advised the public not to pay the monthly electricity online this month and instead pay their bills manually.

However, the glitch has now been rectified by the agency and the online portal is safe to use.

"Technical glitches were found in physical billing generated on November 1, the same has now been rectified in the systems. Consumers are allowed to make online payments flawlessly now," said BESCOM Managing Director, Mahantesh Bilgi.

"During the transition of change of services from Infosys to Infinite Computer Solutions, the technical glitches had appeared and the same has now been rectified in the backend. Though the printed bill showed a higher amount to the consumers, the actual amount is being reflected in the systems," he further clarified.

BESCOM officials also informed that the issue was not just limited to the city in fact, all five electricity supply companies in the state had faced the same issue.

"We have immediately addressed the billing errors and enabled the consumer to make the online payment. Consumers need not to worry about the online mode of payment of their electricity bills," the BESCOM MD added.

Earlier, many people had been shocked when the bill online was shown as much higher than their usual monthly bill.

"The amount was shown close to Rs. 2,000 when the manual bill showed Rs. 823 only. Every month I get close to Rs. 800 bills only so I checked with BESCOM. Then I was informed about the glitch and they asked me to wait for a few weeks before making the payment. Good that the issue has been fixed now because paying the bill manually would have been tough for me," said Ankit Sahu, an IT employee.

Other consumers who had already paid their bills online were also panicking when they saw the advisory by BESCOM officials.

> **"We have immediately addressed the billing errors and enabled the consumer to make the payment**
> – Mahantesh Bilgi, BESCOM MD

"I have put an alert on Amazon so it reminds me to pay the electricity bill around the 8th or 9th of every month. This year also I paid as soon as I got the reminder but then I saw the news about the technical glitch.

Earlier this week, I received the manual bill also which is the same amount so thankfully there was no issue with my payment," said Alok VK, another consumer.

'Creative students can opt for architecture'

At conference, leading personalities stress on importance of architecture for sustainability

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The Karnataka Chapter of the Indian Institute of Architects (IIA) organised the Southern Regional Conference 2022 – Latitude - on November 11 and 12 at Palace Grounds. Around 1,500 architects participated in the two-day event. The Conference brought together architects, academicians, and students from across the country to explore, express, and experience regionalism and learn from each other's best practices while collectively addressing issues that are both global and regional.

The Conference featured seven highly acclaimed international architects and seven reputed Indian architects and designers who expounded their ideas about architecture and design based on their location and cultural heritage. During the conference, architect Neelam Manjunath conducted a workshop on Bamboo Construction and a workshop on paper engineering was held by Arun Desai.

Four eminent architects – Peter Rich, Neelam Manjunath, JK Gupta, and Appanna Deshpande launched their books during this conference.

Awards to built work by architects and student thesis awards were conferred along with Lifetime Achievement Awards to architects Thomas, Jaisim K, Kiran Shankar and Santhana Krishnan in recognition of their contributions to architecture.

Santhana Krishnan told BM that students with the skills of creativity can choose architecture over an engineering course. "Students with the skills of creativity to become architects must choose this field. They can earn on par with software engineers provided they have skills to convince clients, implement projects and have the ability to collect fees from their clients," said Krishnan. Krishnan said that architects play important role in reducing wastage in building construction. "I am of the opinion that an architect can avoid wastage of around 20 percent of the total cost of the building. It is advisable for middle and upper middle-class people to engage or consult architects while constructing their dream homes," he said.

> **"An architect can avoid wastage of around 20% of total cost of the building**
> – Santhana Krishnan, architect

Neelam Manjunath of Manasaram Architects said bamboo should be used in the construction of the building, especially for furniture, which is comparable with the cost of other material used for furniture and other purposes. "Bamboo is better than other material when it comes to durability and comfortability. There is a lot to be done to promote usage of bamboo in building construction," said Manjunath.

Indian Institute of Architects (IIA) Karnataka Chapter Chairman BR Mohan said the event received a tremendous response from architects across the country.

NOTES FROM THE FIELD

Modern monitor lizard

Chief Minister Basavaraj S Bommai has termed the Karnataka State Government Employees Association president as a modern monitor lizard. If you are wondering whether that is a praise or a jibe, here is Bommai's explanation. During a recent programme, Bommai said that the association president was like a lizard because he was sticking to the demand. "Earlier, kings used to use monitor lizards to scale forts. Now, he is acting like a monitor lizard to stick to his demand of higher increments for the government employees. So, I appreciate his efforts," the CM said.

Pause in abuse

BJP MLA BasanaGouda Patil Yatnal is known for his ballistic attacks. Surprisingly, he is known to attack his party leaders more than the opposition leaders. Sometime back, BJP party in charge Arun Singh had said Yatnal was not even a leader. Then there was a ceasefire between both the leaders. When the press asked Yatnal as to what had transpired between them, he said, "I have been told not to abuse leaders." So, he was asked if he would keep quiet henceforth, and he shot back, "I have been told not to abuse my party leaders but this will not stop me from attacking opposition leaders."

Dance trait

BJP general secretary CT Ravi is known for his oratory skills. But, recently at a local side, Ravi showed his offbeat side. Dressed in a white dhoti, Ravi was seen dancing to the drum beats. He danced continuously for the next few minutes till even those who had initially refused to dance had to join in.

Clean up act

Most roads were blocked on Friday on the eve of PM Narendra Modi's visit. The police were posted at vantage points to ensure that there was no break in the protocol. However, a woman constable walking on a road near Maharanis College, saw that her tiffin box had accidentally slipped on the road. The lemon rice had spilled all over. She could have moved on thinking that the pourakarmikas would clean it, but she set an example by cleaning each grain of the rice from the road.

Conspicuous absence

Former Minister KS Eshwarappa was conspicuously absent during Modi's programme in Bengaluru. When he was asked by scribes why he skipped the programme, Eshwarappa said he was happy to participate in a different programme of Kanaka Jayanti as he would get a chance to speak there while he was unsure whether he would get a chance to speak at PM's programme. For a while, Eshwarappa has been sulking that he was not given a Cabinet berth after being forced to resign some time ago.

— Sridhar Vivan

That's just adorable

To make this Children's Day memorable, Bangalore Mirror has launched a new initiative-Cute Kiddo 2022. Thanks to BM readers, we have received an overwhelming response with a lot of people sending photos of their loved ones. Once again, BM wishes every child a Happy Children's Day.

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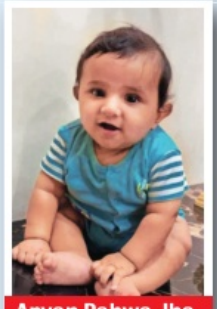
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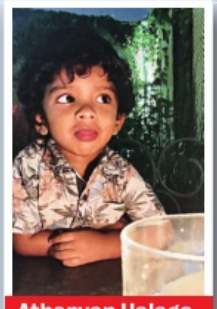
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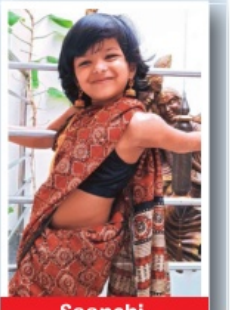
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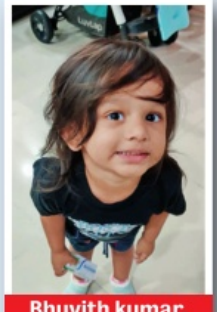
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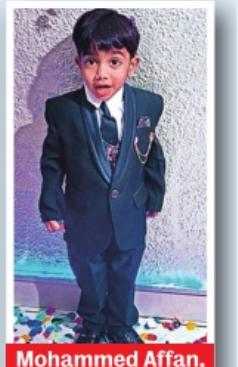
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Students to get a lesson in policing

Student Police Cadet launched in state to familiarise them with police dept; acquire self-defence skills

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Karnataka state police have started the Student Police Cadet (SPC) project in all districts. The project was inaugurated in Shivamogga and Belagavi on Saturday.

This is a school-level programme involving the police, the department of education and government-aided high schools.

The selected students are trained in various skills such as discipline, self-defence, law and empathy for vulnerable sections of society.

Praveen Sood, Director General of Police and Inspector General of Police, said that the initiative aims to change the perspective that young children have towards the police department.

"The scheme is in the pattern of NCC, which motivates the students to join the armed forces. Similarly, this scheme is to make students aware about the police department, like what the police do, and why the police are required. We want that instead of having a negative perception about the police, students are able to understand what policing is and why it is done," said Sood.

He also added that the focus of the scheme is to impart self-defence lessons to the students. It especially focuses on training young girls in self-defence.

"The scheme is targeted at boys and girls of Classes 7 to 9. They will be trained in parades too, which will motivate them further to join the police department in the future," he added.

Sood informed that the scheme has already started in all districts across the state and the data related to the project will be available in a month. "The number of schools in every district is not the same. In some, we have started it in five schools, whereas in some the project is initiated in 15 schools," he said.

Shivamogga was the first district to start the project. The SP of the district, K Mithun Kumar, said, "The SPC scheme is going to be implemented in 25 schools in the city. This will encourage young children to know more about the police department and maybe explore future opportunities in this field."

He also added that the students will be learning about social evils, road safety, first aid, women and child safety, management of natural calamities, parades and yoga practice.

Police personnel will be trained on these subjects at their respective police stations.

Nettaru murder: NIA makes 15th arrest

The NIA has arrested one more person in connection with the killing of BJP youth wing leader Praveen Nettaru allegedly by members of the Popular Front of India in Karnataka, an official said on Sunday.

Shaheed M, a resident of Masthikatte Road, Bellare village, is the 15th accused arrested by the National Investigation Agency (NIA) in its investigation into the murder of Nettaru, a district secretary of the BJP Yuva Morcha, on July 26, a spokesperson of the federal agency said.

"During the investigations, it was found that Shaheed was part of the conspiracy meeting held at his house by the PFI to target leaders of certain political organisations," the NIA said, adding that he was arrested during searches in Dakshina-Kannada district of Karnataka on Saturday.

The spokesperson said incriminating documents were also seized from the house of the accused during the raid. The NIA said Shaheed was arrested under various sections of the Indian Penal Code and the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act. The case was initially registered in Dakshina Kannada district and later re-registered by the NIA on August 4. **PTI**

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Digital draw: 32 victims and counting

Some of the victims who lost their money gathered near Cubbon Park Police Station on Sunday. (Right) The office of Truvisory Kode Core Pvt Ltd at Barton Centre on MG Road

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digitise English novels," said Hemavathy V Bhat, a resident of Nagasandra along Tumkur Road.

What is alarming is that the network of Truvisory Kode Core Pvt Ltd managed to cheat even legal consultants. For instance, Dinesh Kumar B is a legal consultant residing at Girinagar. Kumar had made the acquaintance of Sanjay Sinha, the CEO of Truvisory Kode Core Pvt Ltd, when the latter was working as a chef at a reputed educational institution, and later opened a 'chat' centre after losing the chef's job.

"I trusted Sanjay Sinha since I have known him for the last few years. He assured me of getting the outsourcing contract and a good income every month. So I deposited Rs 3.50 lakh with the company in March 2022. I also spent money to buy a scanner and a laptop for digitising old English novels but I have not received money till date. I began insisting to Sinha that he return my money but in vain," said Kumar, adding that he has been trying to contact more and more victims of the scam in the city.

The modus operandi of Truvisory Kode Core Pvt Ltd is to build trust with prospective investors and unemployed people. The team of Truvisory Kode Core Pvt Ltd convinced Suresh Kumar from Hanumantha Nagar to invest Rs 42,50,000 to digitise English novels on a large scale.

"Initially there were no problems. I worked for Truvisory Kode Core Pvt Ltd and got Rs 1,30,000. Later they told me that they are closing small projects. They advised me to take up bigger projects by investing Rs 42,50,000 to get more income. I appointed six people, bought three laptops and four scanners. I am not sure of getting my money," said Suresh Kumar.

Cubbon Park police registered a first information report (FIR) on October 20 under Section 420 of the Indian Penal Code (IPC) against 10 people, including Sanjay Sinha. Further investigations are on.

HEALTH TIP: Hydrating first thing in the morning helps to aid digestion, enhance skin health and boost energy

A simple hack for healthy eating (and portion control) is to make half your plate veggies at each meal

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Heartburn hacks

Easy home remedies for acidity, heartburn

All of us have suffered from acidity at some point or other. Severe pain in the stomach, burning, bloating, hiccupping, flatulence and acid reflux are the common symptoms. If you suffer from these problems time and again, we suggest you opt for home remedies for acidity and heartburn.

While our immediate and natural response is to reach for that antacid when suffering from acidity, it will not give you long-term relief. Instead, these kitchen treasures can cure and control acidity and boost your overall stomach health.

Symptoms

Acidity is a medical condition that refers to the excess production of stomach acid. This acid is produced by the stomach glands and helps in digesting food. Excess acid can cause acidity or acid reflux, ie acid rising up from the stomach into the throat. Acid reflux can also cause heartburn, which is a burning sensation or pain in the lower chest area.
TIP: Acidity and its symptoms shouldn't be taken lightly as they can cause serious problems over time.

Causes

Eating a heavy meal and lying on your back immediately after that or bending over at the waist or even snacking close to your bedtime can cause acidity. Additionally, certain foods such as citrus, tomato, garlic or spicy food and certain beverages like alcohol, carbonated drinks, and coffee can cause heartburn and acidity.

Healthy Habits

Acidity and heartburn can be prevented by indulging in some healthy habits as listed below.

Don't Overeat: A large meal often triggers acidity more often than not. What happens if when your stomach is full, there is a greater chance that the stomach acids can be pushed back up the esophagus which will trigger reflux, indigestion, stomach spasms and discomfort. Instead, eat smaller portions but at regular intervals to prevent acidity. This is a good tip also because staying hungry for too long or having long-time gaps between your meals can also cause acidity.

Alcohol Intake: Drinking alcohol is associated with acid reflux. Alcohol and alcoholic drinks can also make the stomach produce more acid than usual. Over time, this can cause the stomach lining to wear away, leading to pain and inflammation, also called gastritis.

Chew Gum: It's really that simple! The digestive process actually begins in our mouth. Gum stimulates the flow of saliva, which in turn keeps the acid levels down and balances your pH levels. After your meal, chew on some gum for ten minutes as one of the home remedies for indigestion.

Don't Sleep on Your Right Side: When you hit the bed, turn onto your left side and sleep. This position prevents acid reflux as it does not allow corrosive stomach acids to enter the esophagus.
TIP: Turn to healthy eating and lifestyle habits and you'll see the results.

Low-Carb Diet

Eating the right foods helps keep acidity in check. Add the below foods to your daily diet and see the difference for yourself.

Banana: Bananas are extremely beneficial for gut and stomach health because of their high fiber content which enhances the digestion process. They are rich in potassium and increase the production of mucus in the stomach which prevents the excess acid formation and also fights the harmful effects of excessive acid production. A ripe banana is a perfect antidote to severe bouts of acidity.

Cold Milk: It is a known fact that milk contains a high amount of calcium which makes it a superfood for bone health. But did you know that calcium is also one of the main ingredients in your over-the-counter antacids? Calcium helps to maintain the pH balance and aids in proper digestion.

Buttermilk: Cold buttermilk is another useful antidote to acidity. To get relief from heartburn, drink up a glass of cold buttermilk. Buttermilk contains lactic acid that neutralizes the acidity in the stomach. The lactic acid further soothes the stomach by coating the stomach lining and reducing the irritation and acid reflux symptoms. Besides, buttermilk is a naturally occurring probiotic. The good bacteria present in probiotics prevent the gas build-up and bloating that often causes acid reflux. It also allows the nutrients and foods to be digested and absorbed properly which ultimately eliminates and reduces the possibility of acidity occurrence and keeps your gastrointestinal health in good condition.

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Almonds: Another home remedy that works well to relieve acidity is raw almonds. Raw almonds are simply natural almonds that have not been soaked or tampered with in any way. In ancient times in middle eastern countries, almonds were regarded as a natural remedy for ulcers and heartburn. Almonds are rich in natural oils which soothe and neutralize the acid in the stomach. The high fiber content of the nut also helps in the digestion process. Besides raw almonds, you can also have almond milk to keep your stomach in good health.
TIP: Eat and drink the right things to prevent acidity in the first place.

How To Treat

If the acidity and heartburn symptoms are too much to bear, you can turn to some common kitchen and pantry ingredients for relief.

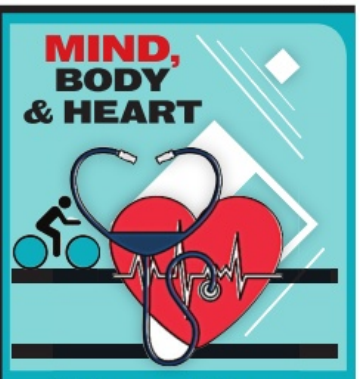
Peppermint Tea: Peppermint tea can help with digestion and stomach pain. However, if you have acid reflux or GERD, avoid ingesting peppermint tea as it can worsen the problem.

Chamomile Tea: Chamomile tea is well known for its soothing properties and for decreasing inflammation. Studies show that it can calm and soothe the nervous system, and be one of the home remedies for acidity and heartburn.

Fennel Seeds: Fennel seeds contain a compound called anethole which works as a soothing agent for the stomach and prevents spasms and flatulence. It is also loaded with vitamins, minerals and dietary fiber that aids the process of good digestion. As it also contains anti-ulcer properties it cools the lining of the stomach and helps in relieving constipation as well. Fennel seeds are one of the effective home remedies for acid reflux in pregnant women. A lot of pregnant women suffer from severe indigestion during pregnancy, but they are prohibited from taking a lot of food items and medicines. Fennel seeds function as one of the home remedies for acidity and heartburn.

Lemon Water: Although lemon juice is acidic, ingesting small amounts of it mixed with water can have an alkalizing effect, thus helping in acidity.
TIP: So, now that we have told you some super accessible kitchen ingredients to beat the acidity blues, try to opt for these natural remedies rather than the closest bottle of antacid available when you experience discomfort, nausea or burning due to acidity.

-Kankana Roy Jain (Femina)



All problems solved

Dear Coleen

I've been going through a bad patch with my partner of 21 years for some time. My response to this was to secretly join a dating site, where I got chatting to a man and eventually we met. Things were great between this new man and me, and my long-term partner became my ex. However, we still lived in the same house, which started causing problems all round. A few of my friends were going through bad times when all this was going on and I put a lot of effort into making sure they were OK, which meant I wasn't seeing as much of my new man. I guess it probably felt to him like I was pushing him away.
I have tried for weeks to make arrangements to see him and go out, but now he never answers my text messages. I've realised how much I love him. Please help - I'm so down about it all.

COLEEN SAYS

With any relationship you need to put in the effort and time to sustain it. You've been so wrapped up in other people's problems, you haven't spent time nurturing this new relationship. What's more, your new partner couldn't have been happy about you still living with your ex – who would be? To be honest, I think a big part of him probably thought that trying to get a relationship off the ground was too much like hard work and that you didn't seem that bothered about him anyway. Perhaps, initially, you both got carried away by the excitement of meeting someone online and, when that died down, you both started to have doubts. I know you say you love him, but is it love or just that he's gone cold and now you can't have him? I'm sorry if this sounds harsh, but if he's not replying to texts and requests to go out, he's pretty much saying it's over for him.
—Coleen Nolan, Daily Mirror

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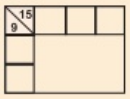
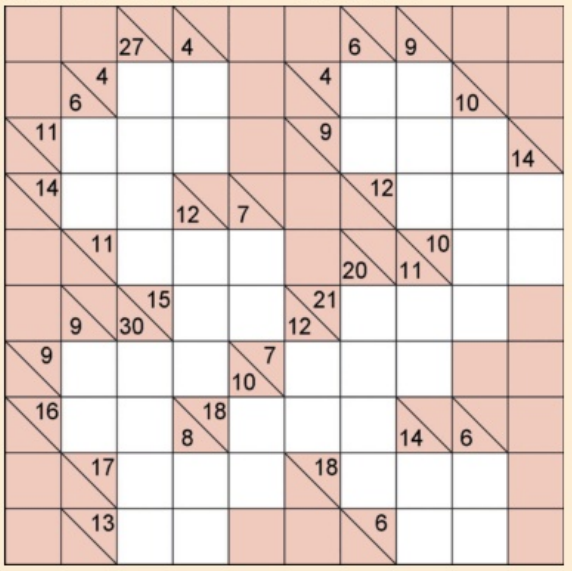


The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.

Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



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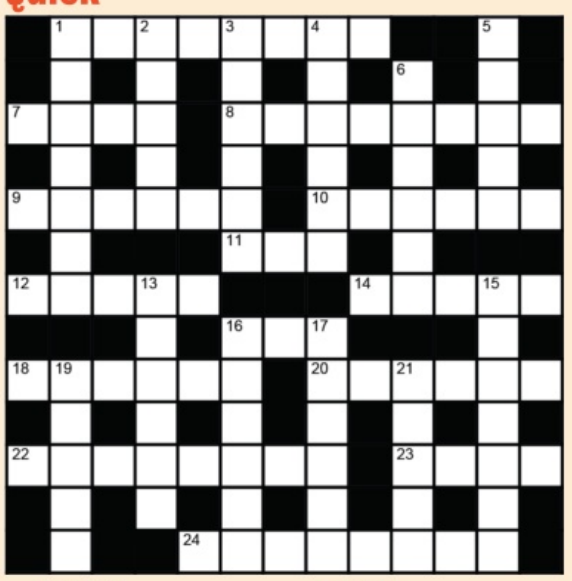


ACROSS

1 Adages; axioms (8)
7 Give in (4)
8 Originates, discharges, issues forth (8)
9 Decline (4,2)
10 Beaten or bruised; handled roughly (6)
11 Afternoon refresher (3)
12 Takes care of (5)
14 Nomadic persons of northern Scandinavia (5)
16 Adolf's bride (3)
18 Carrying on war etc.? (6)
20 Plateau in South Central India? (6)
22 Showy breed of horse (8)
23 Biblical word (4)
24 Can be aped (8)

DOWN

1 Preliminary statement in a book (7)
2 Forebodings or portents (5)
3 Free from liability (6)
4 The Creator in Hindu mythology (6)
5 Portion (5)
6 Vedic god (6)
13 Smaller moon of Mars (6)
15 Talk childishly (7)
16 Conceit (6)
17 Nimble-fingered (6)
19 On a level with the water? (5)
21 Morsel of bread (5)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: X EQUALS G

ODL ZGYJ SLNY QSZXSLVV YPLV PG YLNSGPGX OZ WL HSZGX NYY NYZGL.

Linemaro

Good evening. May a thorn sit down amongst the roses?

Mindchow

I think it's all a matter of love. The more you love a memory, the stronger and stranger it is

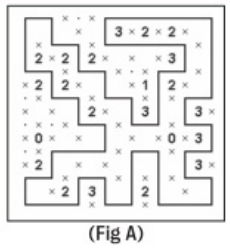
Joke of the day

To steal ideas from one person is plagiarism. To steal from many is research

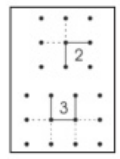
Loop

Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.



(Fig A)

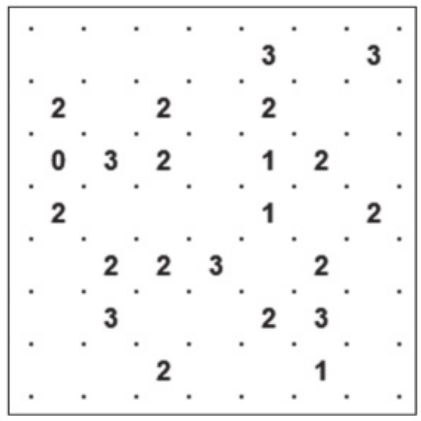


(Fig B) Not Allowed

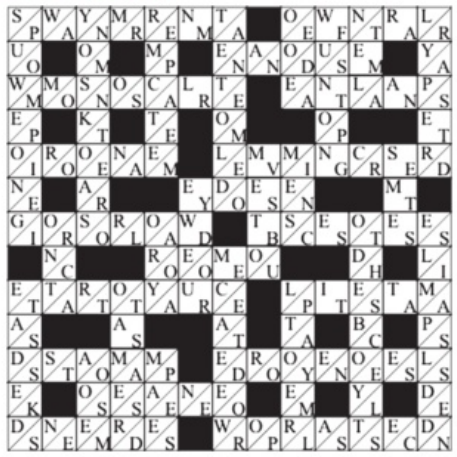
How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)



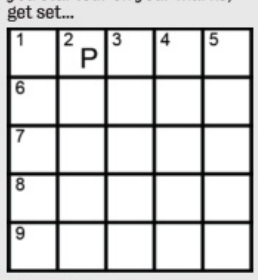
Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...



ACROSS

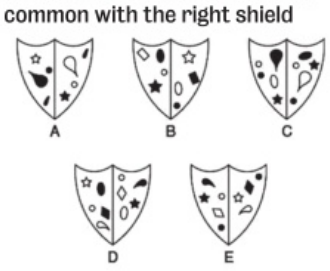
1 Map as; 6 Opal K;
7 Ratel; 8 Nil hi;
9 Yon go

DOWN

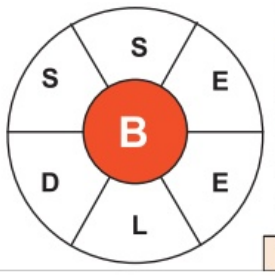
1 Pangs; 2 Pool I;
3 Loath; 4 Kines;
5 L Mary

Mensapuzzle

Which shield below has most in common with the right shield



Bull's eye



How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

02 Average; 03 Good; 04 Outstanding

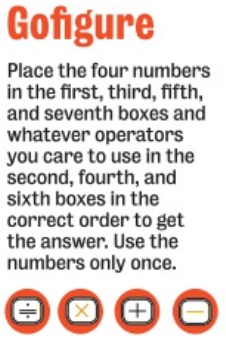
SudokuChallenge

		7				2		
3				1				5
	6	9		5		8	1	
	2	3	4		5	1	8	
	5	1	2		6	7	3	
	3	2		7		9	6	
6				4				1
		5				3		

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

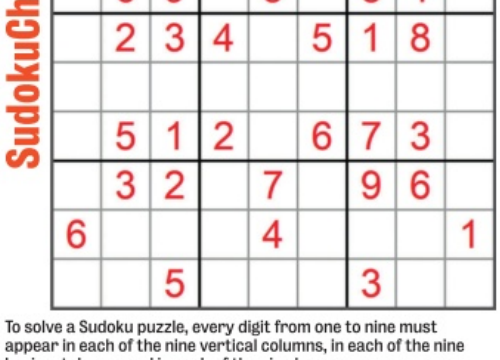
Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.



Hocusfocus

Find at least six differences in details between panels.



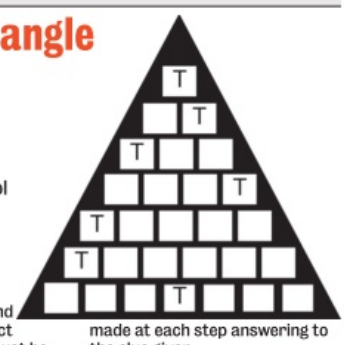
Differences: 1. Tree trunk is wider. 2. Sun is smaller. 3. Walking stick is shorter. 4. Cap design is different. 5. Thumb is moved. 6. Cloud is not as large.

Riddler

Using the chemical symbols, which physical process can be made from cobalt, silver, uranium, lanthanum, titanium, oxygen and nitrogen?

Alpha triangle

1 20th letter
2 ____ tu Brute ...
3 Turner of CNN
4 Eating program
5 Having prongs
6 Coloured lightly
7 Worked with wool



Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE

COMICS

Redeye by Mel Casson

Bizarrotrip

Diamond Lil

I WENT TO A SENIORS STYLE CLASS TODAY!
SENIORS STYLE CLASS...?
WHAT DO YOU DO THERE?
WE BEDAZZLE OUR COMPRESSION SOCKS!
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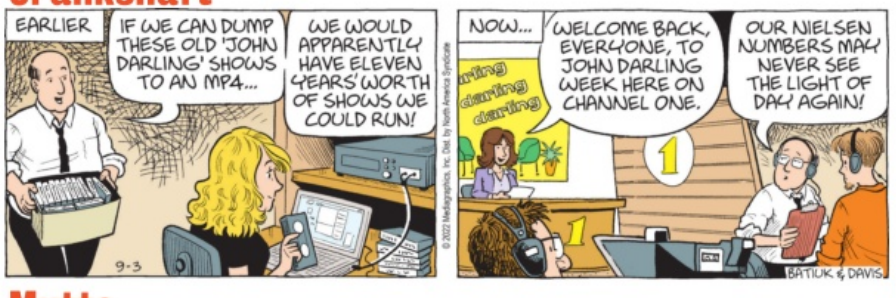
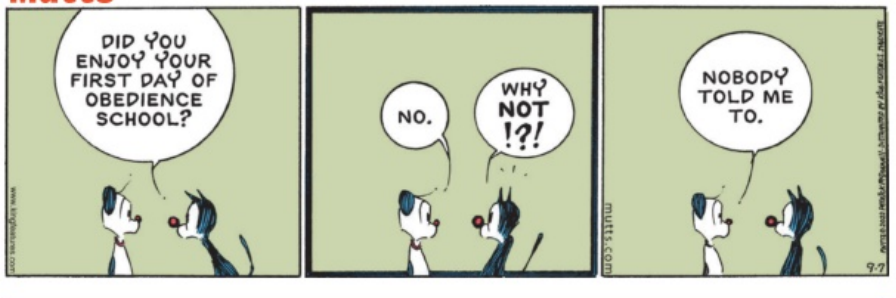
Hart of the city

Crankshaft


EARLIER
IF WE CAN DUMP THESE OLD 'JOHN DARLING' SHOWS TO AN MP4...
WE WOULD APPARENTLY HAVE ELEVEN YEARS' WORTH OF SHOWS WE COULD RUN!
9-3
NOW...
WELCOME BACK, EVERYONE, TO JOHN DARLING WEEK HERE ON CHANNEL ONE.
OUR NIELSEN NUMBERS MAY NEVER SEE THE LIGHT OF DAY AGAIN!
BATIUK & DAVIS

Mutts



WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20
Today you may feel energetic. You may perform efficiently at work. Your hard work may pay off now, which may boost your self-confidence. Property-related disputes with siblings are likely to be resolved now. A meeting with an influential person may boost your network. Disputes with your partner may also be resolved.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20
Today you are blessed by the moon, which makes you happy. You will be polite with the people around you. You may take some difficult decisions in business with the help of family members. You are likely to get a big order with the help of your communication skills, which may boost your business.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21
Today you are blessed by the moon. You may have good internal strength. You may enjoy it at work. You may enjoy romantic moments with your spouse, which will improve domestic harmony. You are likely to make new plans to start a new project. Your perfectionism may help you implement the plans successfully. Jobseekers may find good work. Lovebirds are advised to avoid discussions on worthless topics.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23
Today you may be disappointed. You are advised to control your arrogance, otherwise you may face some losses due to your harsh way of speaking while talking to the people around you. Lovebirds should be careful while making discussions on sensitive topics, otherwise their relationship may be affected.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23
Today there may be peace in your mind. You may plan to invest some capital in your business, which may increase liquidity. Your earnings may boost your bank balance. You may enjoy romantic moments with your spouse, which will enhance harmony in the family life. Singles are likely to find a good match. Lovebirds may decide to get married.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23
Today you may be very happy. Your losses may convert into profits. Your boss may be happy and will appreciate your work. You are likely to see some changes in your place or position at work in terms of promotions. You are likely to have control over your opponents and hidden enemies. Lovebirds may take important decisions in terms of marriage with the help of relatives or friends.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22
Today, your moon is positive. Your health may be good today. You are likely to visit some spiritual place with your family or friends. You may plan to donate some amount to charity. Property-related deals may likely be done now. You may plan for an overseas trip related to work. You may also plan for higher education.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22
Today your moon is negative. You may be a victim of conspiracies. You are advised to avoid being involved in them. Your strong willpower and blessings from elders may protect you from this messy situation. You are advised to avoid making arguments in your domestic life. You should also avoid rash driving or adventure tours.

Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22
Today you may be busy at work. You may be enthusiastic, which may speed up your projects. You may be able to take quick decisions, which will boost your business. You are likely to start a new innovation in your partnership. Investments in fixed assets in partnerships is not advised.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20
Today you are blessed by the moon. You may perform well at work. You can expect some promotions or transfers in terms of gains. You may also plan to change your current job. Your relationship with your seniors will be strong. Old health issues will be cured now.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19
Today you are blessed by the moon. Things may be under control and you will enjoy it at work. Your focus may be good, which will reflect into your way of working. Your wisdom will help you go ahead in terms of taking tough decisions. Your past investments may give profits.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20
Today you may feel dull. You may be dissatisfied. You may not enjoy your day. You may be a victim of arrogance. It may affect both your professional and domestic life. You may internally feel a lack of confidence, which may stop you from doing something creative at work.

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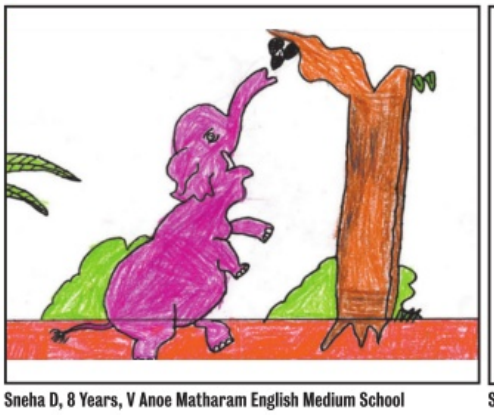

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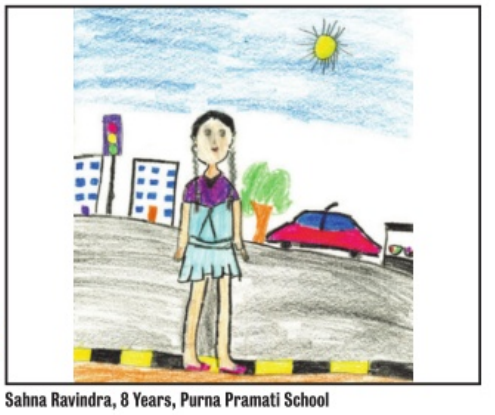

Sahna Ravindra, 8 Years, Purna Pramati School

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SOLUTIONS

SOLVE IN 1M
$= \sqrt{4^3} + 3^{1}/_{3} \times \sqrt{4}$
$= 8 + 3^2 \times 2$
$= 8 + 9 \times 2$
$= 8 + 18$
$= 26$

BULL'S EYE
bled, bleed, bless, BLESSED

STRIKE OUT

P	A	Y	M	E	N	T		O	F	T	A	R		
			I											
		R	E	N	E		E	V	I	N	C	E	D	
M	O	N	O	C	L	E		A	T	L	A	S		

FAST FIVE

S	P	A	S	M

RIDDLER
Co-Ag-U-La-Ti-O-N

QUICK

QUOTE UNCODE
The only real progress lies in learning to be wrong all alone.

MENSA PUZZLE
B: the left side contains the same symbols as the right side but with black/white reversal.

SUDOKU

5	1	7	8	6	9	2	4	3
3	8	4	7	1	2	6	9	5
2	6	9	3	5	4	8	1	7
7	2	3	4	9	5	1	8	6
8	9	6	1	3	7	4	5	2
1	3	2	5	7	8	9	6	4
4	5	1	2	8	6	7	3	9
6	7	8	9	4	3	5	2	1
9	4	5	6	2	1	3	7	8

ALPHA TRIANGLE
T, Et, Ted, Diet, Tined, Tinted, Knitted.

GO FIGURE
Easy
$6 + 5 + 4 - 4 = 11$
Medium
$5 \times 2 + 7 - 8 = 9$
Hard
$5 - 3 + 8 - 8 = 2$

LOOP

KAKURO

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 # Rust shooting: Alec Baldwin sues 4
Actor Alec Baldwin is suing four film crew members over his fatal on-set shooting of cinematographer Halyna Hutchins

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It's the customs, dear

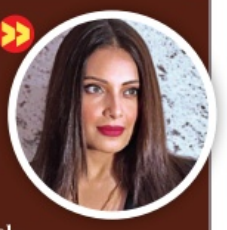
Actors who have been stopped at airport over customs duty

Bollywood actor Shah Rukh Khan and five members of his team were stopped for an hour at the Mumbai airport by Customs officials for not paying Customs duty of Rs 6.88 lakh for six luxury watches worth Rs 17.86 lakh. The bag containing watches was carried by Khan's bodyguard Ravi Shankar Singh, the official said. While SRK may not have been the one in trouble, here's a list of other Bollywood celebrities who weren't so lucky. Take a look... -ETimes

Ranbir Kapoor
Ranbir Kapoor was detained at the Mumbai airport by Sameer Wankhede, who was the then Customs Deputy Commissioner. The actor was fined about Rs 60,000 for carrying undeclared branded personal goods such as perfumes, clothes and footwear worth about Rs 1 lakh. The actor was later let off.

Urvashi Rautela
Actress Urvashi Rautela was detained by the Mumbai Customs officials for not declaring gold jewellery and items worth Rs 11.5 lakh. The actress was previously caught on similar charges for allegedly 'smuggling' items worth Rs 5 lakh. As the items in her possession amounted to less than Rs 20 lakh, she was then fined and let off, officials were quoted saying.

Anushka Sharma
Actress Anushka Sharma was also stopped at the Mumbai airport for carrying undeclared gold and diamond-studded jewellery worth between Rs 20 to Rs 40 lakh. The actor claimed that while going abroad, she had taken the valuables from India and had declared the goods at that time and hence need not pay the duty.



Bipasha Basu
While returning from London after her 'Players' shooting schedule, Bipasha was pulled up for not paying upto Rs 12,000 duty for jewellery. The actress reportedly could only leave the airport after paying the fine. She later released a statement claiming that her legal drama at the airport was nothing more than a 'routine check-up'. In her statement, she wrote, "All that I have in my bags are the clothes I had shopped for and hence had excess baggage for which I paid approximately Rs 10,000 as taxes. I think the customs team is doing an excellent job."

Minissha Lamba

Minissha Lamba was intercepted by customs while returning from the Cannes International Film Festival. The actress was reportedly carrying undeclared jewellery worth around Rs 50 lakh. When she was quizzed about the same, she alleged that she wasn't aware of the procedure. Minissha was released after a 16-hour interrogation.

Aishwarya Rai Bachchan

Bollywood star Aishwarya Rai Bachchan came under the scanner in connection with a parcel containing 23000 Euros amounting to around Rs 14 lakh. The parcel was reportedly sent to the actress from the Netherlands. The cash was found during a routine check and Ash was detained for questioning.

She's a dancing queen

Popular actress Samyuktha Hegde, who had to undergo a surgery after sustaining a ligament tear while shooting for a stunt sequence for the Kannada film 'Kreem', has recovered from the injury.

The actress, who had been undergoing physiotherapy after the surgery, chose to announce her recovery with her dance video which she posted on Instagram.

She wrote: "'All the attraction, the tension. Don't you see, baby, this is perfection?' First dance video in three months, super happy with my progress, physiotherapy has been tiring and painful but the hard part is over! Thank you universe! Onwards and upwards from here on!

"My fellow acl'ers don't skip physiotherapy. Do it everyday like a ritual but most important eat well, the sadness will get to you. So, break through that and achieve your best."

"And thank you so much for all the love showered during this time. These three months were mentally, physically and emotionally very difficult and you guys made that so much better with all the love and support." -IANS

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Bullet bulls-eye

Hebbal MLA Byrathi Suresh sounding the clapboard on Shreya Shukla and Dharma Keerthi Raj for Bullet

Meet Sathyajith, who played a doctor in Tamil movie 16 Vayathinile that released in September 1977. Sathyajith's original name was Shabbir Ahmed and it is said music maestro Ilaiyaraaja rechristened him before he faced the camera for 16 Vayathinile. Now, Sathyajith, who hails from Bengaluru North and was trained in acting at Adyar Film Institute, is all set to return to Sandalwood by not only bankrolling but also handling the megaphone for Kannada movie Bullet.

"I have been thinking about directing a Kannada movie. Now the time has come for me to realise my dream," said Sathyajith. The muhurat function of Bullet was held at Ganesha Temple in RT Nagar on November 10. Hebbal MLA Byrathi Suresh sounded the clapboard for the muhurat. "I selected Dharma Keerthiraj as the script which demands an angry young man. I have selected two heroines from Mumbai -- Shreya Shukla and Ajita Jha," he said.

Finally, it's a date

Here is good news for fans of Dhananjaya also known as Daali Dhananjaya. The much-awaited Kannada movie - Once Upon a Time in Jamaligudda has a new release date. As per the plan, the movie was supposed to be released on September 9 but got postponed. According to reliable sources, the decks are now cleared for the release of the movie in the last week of December which is considered to be a lucky week for Kannada movies. Once Upon a Time in Jamaligudda is directed by Kushal Gowda who made his debut in Sandalwood with Kannadakkagi Ondannu Otti that was released in 2018. It is said Dhananjay plays a different character in this movie along with child artiste Praanya P Rao. The star cast of the movie includes Aditi Prabhudeva, Bhavana Ramanna, Triveni Rao, Prakash Belawadi, Nandagopal, and Yash Shetty.

The movie is scheduled to be released in Kannada and Telugu simultaneously. The audio of the film, especially the song – Saagide Navilaadanta Muddaada Sanchaaravu Saagide – sung by Vijay Prakash and penned by Kushal Gowda, have become a huge success.